

This Listing of Claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in this application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (original): A skimmer assembly for a pool having a sidewall with an opening therein, the skimmer assembly comprising;

a skimmer housing adapted to be mounted to an outside surface of the sidewall adjacent the opening so as to be in fluid communication with the pool;

a faceplate adapted to be secured to an inside surface of the sidewall adjacent the opening, the faceplate including an outer periphery and an inner periphery, the inner periphery being in fluid communication with the opening and the skimmer housing;

means for fastening the faceplate to the sidewall such that the faceplate is sealingly secured to the inside surface of the sidewall; and

a skimmer seal for sealingly engaging the inner periphery of the faceplate whereby the skimmer housing is not in fluid communication with the pool.

2. (original): The skimmer assembly as recited in claim 1, wherein said means for fastening comprise a plurality of screws which pass through openings in the faceplate and the sidewall and are threadingly engaged with the skimmer housing.

3. (original): The skimmer assembly as recited in claim 1, wherein the inner periphery of the faceplate comprise a generally C-shaped sealing surface and the outer periphery

of the skimmer seal comprise a rounded opening for sealingly engaging the faceplate inner periphery.

4. (original): The skimmer assembly as recited in claim 3, further comprising a lubricant applied between the faceplate inner periphery and the skimmer seal outer periphery.

5. (original): The skimmer assembly as recited in claim 1, wherein the faceplate further comprises a notched area adjacent the inner periphery.

6. (original): The skimmer assembly as recited in claim 3, wherein the faceplate further comprises a notched area adjacent the inner periphery.

7. (original): The skimmer assembly as recited in claim 2, wherein the inner periphery of the faceplate comprise a generally c-shaped sealing surface and the outer periphery of the skimmer seal comprise a rounded opening for sealingly engaging the faceplate inner periphery.

8. (original): The skimmer assembly as recited in claim 7, wherein the inner periphery comprises a first arm generally projecting in a direction towards the skimmer housing, a second arm perpendicular thereto and a third arm generally perpendicular to the second arm such that it projects away from the skimmer housing.

9. (original): The skimmer assembly as recited in claim 8, wherein the third arm includes a rounded portion on the end thereof.

10. (original): The skimmer assembly as recited in claim 1, wherein the inner periphery comprises a first arm generally projecting in a direction towards the skimmer housing, a second arm perpendicular thereto and a third arm generally perpendicular to the second arm such that it projects away from the skimmer housing.

11. (original): The skimmer assembly as recited in claim 1, wherein the inner periphery comprises an arm projecting towards the inner periphery of the faceplate and another arm generally perpendicular thereto such that it projects away from the skimmer housing.

12. (original): The skimmer assembly as recited in claim 11, wherein said another arm includes a rounded portion on the end thereof.

13. (currently amended): The skimmer assembly as recited in claim 1, wherein the outer periphery of the faceplate comprises a lip [adopted] adapted to engage a second cover.

14. (original): The skimmer assembly as recited in claim 1, wherein the skimmer assembly further include a second cover attached to the outer periphery of the faceplate.

15. (currently amended): A faceplate for a pool skimmer assembly, the faceplate comprising:

an outer periphery;

an inner periphery [having] defining an opening for fluid communication between the pool and the skimmer assembly; and

means for securing the faceplate to a pool sidewall, wherein the inner periphery further comprises an arm projecting towards the inner periphery of the faceplate and another arm generally perpendicular thereto, wherein at least one of the arm and another arm include means for sealingly engaging a skimmer seal such that such that the pool skimmer assembly housing is not in fluid communication with the pool.

16. (original): The faceplate as recited in claim 15, wherein said another arm includes a rounded portion on the end thereof.

17. (cancelled).

18. (currently amended): A faceplate for a pool skimmer assembly, the faceplate comprising:

an outer periphery;

an inner periphery [having] defining an opening for fluid communication between the pool and the skimmer assembly; and

means for securing the faceplate to a pool sidewall, wherein the inner periphery further comprises a first arm generally projecting in a direction towards the skimmer housing, a second arm perpendicular thereto and a third arm generally perpendicular to the second arm such that it projects away from the skimmer housing, wherein at least one of the first, second and third arms

include means for sealingly engaging a skimmer seal such that such that the pool skimmer assembly housing is not in fluid communication with the pool.

19. (original): The faceplate as recited in claim 18, wherein the third arm includes a rounded portion on the end thereof.

20. (cancelled).

21. (new): The faceplate as recited in claim 15, wherein the faceplate further comprises a notched area adjacent the inner periphery.

22. (new): The faceplate as recited in claim 15, wherein the faceplate further comprises a notched area adjacent the inner periphery.